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Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of:

**Inventor(s):** JENS BENDLER & MARCUS WILLAM  
**For:** APPARATUS FOR RESTRAINING A SIDE IMPACT BEAM  
DURING A GAUGING OR ASSEMBLY OPERATION  
**Assignee:** BENTELER AUTOMOBILTECHNIK GMBH, Paderborn,  
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☐ Application Data Sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☒ Specification with 14 pages, 10 claims and 2 sheets of drawing.
- ☐ Declaration with ☐ Power of attorney.
- ☐ Assignment.
- ☐ Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.
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- ☒ Self-addressed postcard.
- ☒ A priority document.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with ☐ PTO-Form 1449 and ☐ copy of reference[s].

- ☐ The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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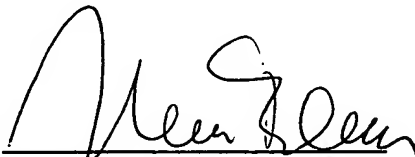
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of December 29, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) on the basis of German Patent Application No. 103 01 031.9, filed January 13, 2003.

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